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1. There were 13 aluminum-colored jet planes with rudder assemblies set upward and to the rear, three twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, and three single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engine parked on the northern edge of the Parchin (N 54/T 74) airfield the afternoon of 31 August 1950. * There was no flying although the weather was good.
2. Eleven jet planes with swept-back wings and ten single-engine fighters were seen at the field between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 3 September 1950. * Since it was difficult to survey the field it is probable that not all planes were seen. There was no flying although the weather was good. No radio station or radar set was seen. Trucks [REDACTED] left the field.

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3. On 2, 3 and 5 September 1950 the field was occupied by 25 to 30 jet planes; six single-engine fighters with radial engine, upper part of plane painted light green, lower part light blue; two twin-engine mid-wing monoplanes; two or three biplanes; and about ten unidentified planes. *
4. There was no flying on 2 September 1950. Jet fighters in elements of two made local flights between 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. The weather was good. Before taking off the jet fighters were parked on the western end of the runway and fueled from tank trucks. The filler neck entered the left side of the fuselage, just behind the wings. Refueling took about 10 minutes. All planes had a one-man crew. ~~Crews~~ were exchanged several times. An antenna led from the antenna rod behind the cockpit to the upper edge of the rudder assembly. Four weapons were of the same caliber and did not extend as far as the leading edge of the fuselage; the other two were apparently of different calibers and projected differently beyond the leading edge of the fuselage. These weapons were all under the fuselage. **
5. Three individual jet planes landed at the field about 4 p.m. on 5 September 1950.

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6. Jeep [] was seen at the field. On 3 September 1950 there were three tank trucks, a radio truck and a starting carriage at the take-off point. No other radio installations, no radar sets or AA gun emplacements were seen. ***

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- * [] Comment. No change in the aircraft strength has been observed. The field is occupied by one fighter regiment, equipped with at least 30 type-111 jet planes. Some LA-9 fighters, the exact number unknown, also seem to be stationed at the field. The two mid-wing monoplanes are possibly A-20s. This aircraft type has so far been observed only with the air reconnaissance regiment previously stationed in Koethen. It is therefore probable that the twin-engine aircraft of the air reconnaissance regiment are now stationed in Parchim. Single-engine planes of the air reconnaissance regiment are believed to be in Stendal.

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- ** [] Comment. To date only two weapons have been seen in the nose compartment of aircraft. Source probably made an error in observation.

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- *** [] Comment. Radar sets or AA gun emplacements have not been observed by other sources.

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